



ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY

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May 25, 2005

John Hensley, Chief of Police
City of Costa Mesa
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Dear Chief Hensley:

Enclosed is a copy of the 2004-2005 Orange County Grand Jury report, "Red Light Cameras: Automated Traffic Cops in Orange County." Pursuant to *Penal Code* 933.05(f), a copy of the report is being provided to you at least two working days prior to its public release. Please note that, "No officer, agency, department, or governing body of a public agency shall disclose any contents of the report *prior to the public release of the final report.*" (Emphasis added.) It is required that the department provide a response to each of the findings and recommendations of this report directed to your office in compliance with *Penal Code* 933.05(a) and (b), copy attached.

For each Grand Jury recommendation accepted and not implemented, provide a schedule for future implementation. In addition, by the end of March of each subsequent year, please report on the progress being made on each recommendation accepted but not completed. These annual reports should continue until all recommendations are implemented.

It is requested that the response to the recommendations be mailed to Frederick P. Horn, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701, with a separate copy and an electronic format (PDF preferred) mailed to the Orange County Grand Jury, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701, no later than 90 days after the public release date, May 31, 2005, in compliance with *Penal Code* 933, copy attached. The due date then is August 29, 2005.

Should additional time for responding to this report be necessary for further analysis, *Penal Code* 933.05(b)(3) permits an extension of time up to six months from the public release date. Such extensions should be advised in writing, with the information required in *Penal Code* 933.05(b)(3), to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, with a separate copy of the request to the Grand Jury.

We tentatively plan to issue the public release on May 31. Upon public release, the report will be available on the Grand Jury web site (www.ocgrandjury.org).

Very truly yours,

B. Lewis Avera, Jr.

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Grand Jury Report
Penal Code 933, 933.05